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Some banned firms OK'd for Arabsat

AMMAN, May 2 (JT) — The Arab Boycott of Israel Office has ruled that foreign firms blacklisted for dealing with Israel can continue to deal with Arab states solely in the field of satellites and space communications, the Jordan News Agency reported.

But the office, which ended a four-day emergency session here Wednesday, said dealings with such firms are subject to the following conditions:

Dealing is to be confined to the execution of the Arab satellite project; the firm chosen to continue dealing with Arab states on the project should not be among firms blacklisted for employing Israeli management or using Israeli capital; the firm must not have Zionist tendencies (indicated by any direct support or advocacy of Zionism); the firm must not hire Israeli labour, or use Israeli material and equipment in the manufacture of its products.

told the Jordan Times.

From 12 international companies which purchased the tender documents and specifications, only two bids were offered representing two groups, American and European. The contract should be awarded soon, but there is no timetable for completion of the project.

"The sooner the better," Mr. Ismail said of the completion date. If the contract were awarded tomorrow, he said, the satellite could be in place and be operational in 1983. The multi-million dollar project will provide telephone and television services to 22 Arab countries.



AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) — Today marked the 27th anniversary of the His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers.

Israeli court reverses army court decision, lets expat Palestinian return

JERUSALEM, May 2 (AP) — The Israeli High Court, reversing a decision by Israeli military authorities, has ruled that a Palestinian Arab living in Germany since 1962 could return to his home town of Tulikarm in the occupied West Bank.

The decision indicated a readiness by the court to impose its authority in the sensitive area of Palestinian immigration for reunion of families, which has been a major source of anger for Arabs living in the West Bank.

The court held Tuesday that Mr. Rafiq Samara could join his wife and child in their home in Tulikarm. The military governor of the West Bank had refused Mr. Samara permission to return, but refused to give his reasons to the court.

The court reversed the governor's decision, but avoided ruling on Mr. Samara's claim that Palestinian expatriates had a right to return to their homes in the West Bank. "We are not discussing this question," the justices wrote in their opinion, but held that they could intervene in the military governor's decision "even in a matter which is entirely humanitarian."

The military government refused to give statistics on the number of Palestinians permitted to join families in the West Bank last year. Defence Ministry officials have said 44,089 requests for family reunions were approved from 1967 to 1976, but in 1976 the figure dropped drastically to less than 1,000.

The Israeli occupation authorities normally require Arabs returning to their homes in the occupied territories to live on tourist visas for three-month periods.

A spokesman for the military government said the authorities would abide by the court's decision, and did not think it would serve as a precedent for other applications.

Iraq to lend Jordan JD 340 million

AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) — Iraq granted Jordan loans totalling 26 million Iraqi dinars to finance a number of development projects, and an additional ID 15 million to help establish a new university at Muta near Karak, according to an agreement signed between the two countries here yesterday.

The total value of the loans is over JD 340 million.

ID 7 million has been allocated to finance the expansion and development of Aqaba Port and the free zone there. ID 15 million will be used to open a new road linking the Azraq, Muwaqqar, Sahab and Juwayda, and will also finance the completion of a 41-kilometre road linking Mafrag, Rum and Aqaba and of the 205-kilometre Juwayda-Ma'an road.

A total of JD 2.5 million will be used to finance the construction of an alternate road to Zarqa, and JD 1.5 million will be used to finance housing projects in Jordan.

In addition to the ID 15 million grant for the new university, Iraq will give Jordan another ID 1 million to help support the Royal Scientific Society's projects and ID 1 million more for philanthropic societies in Jordan.

The agreement also provides for setting up joint subcommittees on cooperation in economic, technical, transport, road construction and water supply matters, the formation of a joint company for overland transport and



Iraqi first Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan (left) and Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf sign the Iraqi loan agreement Thursday.

another for joint industries to help bring about economic integration between Jordan and Iraq.

Jordan and Iraq have agreed to boost their cooperation in technical and economic fields as well as in communications, health affairs, exploitation of mineral resources and on increasing the volume of trade.

The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, signed the agreement for Jordan and Iraq's first Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Taha Yassin Ramadan, signed for his country.

After the signing ceremony, the prime minister paid tribute to Iraq for its national stand and expressed deep appreciation for financial aid to Jordan, which said will further strengthen cooperation and solidarity.

Mr. Ramadan delivered a brief speech underlining the importance of joint Arab action and also extended an invitation to Sharif Abdul Hamid to visit Iraq.

The invitations have been accepted, and the prime minister will fix a date for his visit at an earliest opportunity.

Mr. Ramadan and his accompanying delegation left Amman today for home. During his visit here, Mr. Ramadan also met His Majesty King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan.

Keep trying

THE ATTEMPT by the Arab group at the United Nations to keep the Palestine issue firmly at the forefront in the world body was well worth the effort, notwithstanding the unsurprising U.S. veto of the resolution presented to the Security Council by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The American veto, as the Jordanian representative told our reporter at the U.N., was a foregone conclusion. No other U.S. action was likely on any resolution presented on this subject before the "autonomy" talks between Israel and Egypt achieve some sort of denouement at the end of this month. In that sense, the timing of the resolution's presentation to the Security Council may conceivably be questioned.

But we suspect that the U.S. veto was ordained not so much with a view to the actual content of the resolution but out of the Carter administration's determination to present the Camp David approach as the only feasible route — or "viable avenue," in Mr. McHenry's phrase — to peace.

We, of course, reject this assertion, which presents the combined forces of the ineptitude and strategic high-handedness of the U.S. administration with the aggressive perfidy of the Israelis and the opportunistic treachery of the Egyptians as the only parties competent to resolve the Arab-Zionist conflict.

Nevertheless, we find in the resolution as presented nothing that a U.S. administration — at least one free of pressure from powerful vested interests in an election year and one with America's own national interests truly at heart — could not live with. The apologetic proffered by Mr. McHenry in vetoing the draft was a smokescreen: his contention that the resolution "does not endorse Security Council resolutions 242 and 338," for example, is not borne out by the reference in the resolution of the need for a settlement "based on full respect for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as for its resolutions concerning the problem of the Middle East and the question of Palestine." There was also the very clear reference to guarantees for "the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all states in the area... and the right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries." Everyone realises, including many Americans, that these are all things that the U.S. not only can and should accept, but must accept eventually — perhaps in the next administration or in the second term of a Jimmy Carter freed of enthrallment to domestic Zionist interests.

Moreover, we find glimmers of light showing through the shadows of Mr. McHenry's post-veto speech. There is a concession, for example, that the Egyptian-Israeli treaty "deals with only one aspect of the many-faceted Arab-Israeli conflict." There is the acknowledgement of the need for a comprehensive peace to "resolve the Palestinian problem in all its aspects and recognise the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." These things have been said before, although they are rather overshadowed when juxtaposed with insistences that the sterile Camp David process must be permitted, above all, to drag on to its inevitable conclusion.

A measure passed by the Security Council ostensibly carries enough clout to be implemented at the expense of such theatrical exercises as the "autonomy" negotiations; that is why the U.S. no doubt felt it could not submit itself at this stage and in this forum to the will of the world community. It is an unsatisfactory reason, producing an unsatisfactory result. But the overall effort was worth it. And it is worth trying again, as sooner or later common sense — particularly when contrasted against the violent illogic of the Israeli position — must prevail.

YWCA flower show features atmosphere of the Orient



Her Highness Princess Basma at the opening of the YWCA flower show Thursday. At her left is Her Highness Princess Haya, and at her right Mrs. Leila Sharaf, the Prime Minister's wife.

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 2 — Her Highness Princess Basma yesterday inaugurated the eighth annual Flower Show held by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) at 4 p.m. at the Jordan International Hotel. The theme of this year's flower show, which ended today, was "Flowers in an Oriental Atmosphere."

Miss Nadia Freij, the YWCA's general secretary, told the Jordan Times, "the show is divided into different sections: Fresh flowers and foliage arranged in blue Hebron glass containers of any size or shape; fresh or dried flowers and foliage arranged in large or small copper and brass containers; fresh fruits, vegetables, and nuts arranged on straw, bamboo or wooden bases." This last section "clearly exemplifies our countryside," as one attendant remarked.

Another section included fresh flowers and foliage arranged in or around antique oriental silver, in the form of, for example, jewelry or boxes. This section was called "Ali Baba's Treasure."

The show also included Japanese arrangements (ikebana) of

fresh flowers and foliage. Two groups of ladies participated in preparing this section — the Japanese ladies of Amman, and a number of Arab ladies who took two courses in ikebana given by Mrs. Kimiko Okada, the Japanese Ambassador's wife, at the YWCA.

One of the most beautiful sections at the show was "Grandma's Window." This display consisted



One of the larger displays of a small window beautifully decorated with pots, green leaves and fresh flowers.

The staging committee at the YWCA, with the help of an outside expert, was responsible for decorating the hall. Tea and cakes were served during the show, after which Princess Basma distributed certificates to the participants.

Miss Freij concluded, "Thanks are due to the TV and radio stations at the Ministry of Information, and to the Ministry of Tourism for providing us with some decorations, advertising, Oriental music, tickets, posters, etc. We also thank the different embassies and flower shops who participated in this year's show, thus making it more beautiful and attractive."

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Sculpture Exhibition

An exhibition of stone sculptures by Samer Tabba' is on display at the Jordan National Gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh. The gallery is open daily except on Tuesdays.

Book Exhibition

The Goethe Institute is presenting an exhibition of children's picture books from West Germany. This touring exhibition, organised by the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations in Stuttgart in cooperation with the Klingspor Museum in Offenbach am Main, presents a small selection of outstanding new German-language picture books to give an idea of the standard of children's literature in Germany. The exhibition opens at 5 p.m. and continues daily until May 6.

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(Week of May 3 - 9)

EXHIBITIONS

TURSDAY, May 3: "The Universe and Arabic Mythology" is an exhibition of 20 new oil paintings by Mishah Bahili to be on view for one week in the Arab Cultural Centre. The current exhibition, the 16th individual exhibition by Mr. Bahili, was inspired by his reading of Einstein's theory of relativity. Heretofore, the artist has worked in painting three dimensional, circular convex paintings of the Old City of Damascus. After reading Einstein's works, he attempted to portray the spheres in a manner scientifically described by Einstein. The artist describes his latest collection as a feeling of being in space and observing heavenly bodies.

Mr. Bahili was born in Damascus in 1944 and is a graduate of the Damascus Fine Arts Centre. He and his wife have exhibited their work in shows in Spain, France, Switzerland and Italy, and they will further their work in Valencia, Poitiers and London. The exhibition will open with a 6 p.m. reception sponsored by the Ministry of Culture.

FRIDAY, May 3: An exhibition of photographs on German and Soviet war against fascism begins in the Soviet Cultural Centre at 7 p.m. in the Goethe Institute, to run through May 17.

SATURDAY, May 3: A photo exhibition commemorating the 35th anniversary of the USSR's war against fascism begins in the Soviet Cultural Centre at 7 p.m. in the Goethe Institute, to run through May 17.

SUNDAY, May 3: An exhibition of 20 abstract paintings by Damascus artist Mamoun Homsy continues in Al Sha'b Gallery through today for home, Thursday.

MONDAY, May 3: A collection of prints by the master Spanish Crown Prince Francisco Goya will go on view in the National Gallery of Damascus National Museum.

LECTURE

FRIDAY, May 9: In preparation for the major exhibition of contemporary French art to open at Al Sha'b Gallery on May 10, a French Cultural Centre will host a lecture by Mr. Jean Dominique Rey at 7 p.m. His topic will be "Perspectives of Art Today." (in French).

VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

TUESDAY, May 6: The French Cultural Centre will present a 6 p.m. programme and discussion on "Theatre, Cinema and Jazz." (in French).

WEDNESDAY, May 7: "Les Brigands" and "Opera with Offences" will be the 6 p.m. fare at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

THEATRE

"AL-MUFTAH" (The Key) entitles a drama to be presented through Wednesday in Al Hamra Theatre. (in Arabic).



Mishah Bahili prepares works for his show.

THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF Syria is presenting three one-act plays by Brazilian playwright Oswaldo Draghi nightly at 8:30 p.m. in Al Kabani Hall. The director is Fawwaz Najjar. (in Arabic).

FILMS

SATURDAY, May 3: "The World of Islam" -- Parts 4 through 6 of the BBC series -- will be shown in the library of the British Cultural Centre.

SATURDAY, May 3 and MONDAY, May 5: "Le Crabe Tambour," a 1977 colour film directed by Pierre Schoendoelker, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Jean Rochefort, Claude Rich and Odile Versois (in French, with Arabic subtitles).

SUNDAY, May 4: Documentary films on youth in the German Democratic Republic and the 1979 Festival of East Berlin Youth will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the GDR Cultural Centre (Arabic narration).

MONDAY, May 5: A feature film entitled "A Real Man" will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, with Arabic subtitles).

WEDNESDAY, May 7: "Nachtschatten" entitles a 1971 feature film directed by Nikolaus Schilling, to be shown at the Goethe Institute at 8 p.m. (in German only).

"The Strong People" entitles a feature film to be shown at 7 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, with Arabic subtitles).

THURSDAY, May 8: "L'Apprenti-Salaud" entitles a 1977 film directed by Michel Deville to be shown in the French Cultural Centre at 8:30 p.m. The colour film stars Bernard Fresson, Claude Jade and Annie Girardot. (in French, with Arabic subtitles).

LANGUAGE LESSONS

BEGINNERS JAPANESE LESSONS will be given in Arabic at the Japanese Embassy every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Please contact the embassy for registration information.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) -- A joint delegation from the University of Jan and Yarmouk University returned home today after participating in a scientific conference for Arab biologists held in Madrid. According to the head of the delegation, Dr. Ahmad Al-Jarrah, the conference reviewed 140 research projects presented by participants from 11 Arab states. A major recommendation was a call on Arab states to conduct a survey of wild plants and animals in Arab World, Dr. Jarrah said. The next meeting of biologists, he said, will be held in the Moroccan town of Fez sometime during the coming summer.

AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) -- The General Federation of Jordanian Unions Wednesday elected a new president of its central council, a secretary general and members of the federation's executive council. The new president is Mr. Muqbel Momani, and the secretary general is Mr. Shaher Majali. The council also includes 12 other members who won over 10 other candidates.

AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) -- The University of Jordan's alumni club Wednesday set up a three-day work camp here on the occasion of Jordan Day. Some 45 participants in the camp will carry out maintenance work on roads and will clean sidewalks and paint kerbs in cooperation with Aqaba Municipality.

AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) -- Due to poor visibility and bad weather conditions both the desert highway and the Ghor-Safi-Aqaba road unsafe for traffic, a spokesman for the Public Security Directorate announced today. Also according to the spokesman, the Prince Mohammad Bridge across the Jordan River will be closed to traffic on Sunday and Monday, May 4 and 5 for maintenance work.

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AMMAN, May 2 (JNA) -- The Minister of Communications, Dr. Mohammad Adabb Al-Zaben, returned to Amman this evening after taking part in the third annual meeting of the board of directors of the Arab Satellite Communications Organisation in Rabat. He said in a statement that the board approved the organisation's 1980 budget, which amounts to \$52 million, and heard a report on last year's achievements. Discussions also focussed on technical matters and progress of the Arab satellite project (Arabsat). The meeting was attended by representatives of the organisation's member states, and of the Arab League Secretariat.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND (Episcopalian)

Services in English on Sunday, May 4
at the Church of the Redeemer
(near First Circle, Jabal Amman).
8 a.m. - Holy Communion
12 noon-Morning Prayer
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Preacher: Rev. Keith Fraser-Smith

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Aga Khan prize seminar comes here

By Fawzia Mai
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 2 -- More than 80 eminent architects, contractors, scholars, educators and historians from all over the world will attend the fifth international seminar sponsored by the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, which will be opened here by His Majesty King Hussein on May 4.

The Amman seminar is the last in a series of five seminars entitled "Architectural Transformations in the Islamic World" whose aim is to select the winners of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, a prize worth \$500,000. The Aga Khan Award for Architecture is the first of a number of prizes the Aga Khan Foundation will award in the future to encourage exceptional achievements in the arts and sciences.

The architecture award was established in 1978 by His Highness the Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the Shi'a Ismaili Muslims, to encourage a resurgence of true excellence in architectural design throughout the Islamic World. The prize is to be awarded every three years. For the 1980 award, projects which were completed and went into use between January 1975 and January 1977 are eligible.

The previous four seminars were held in Paris, Istanbul, Fez and Djakarta, and have worked on identifying architectural trends and establishing the environmental criteria by which contemporary Islamic architecture can appropriately be judged. Each seminar dealt with one of the four areas of concern: Housing; Public Buildings and Spaces; Community Planning; and Restoration and Re-use. The fifth and last seminar will discuss large-scale complexes in the Islamic world.

Approximately 200 project nominations, representing some 30 countries from Morocco to Indonesia and ranging from single houses to huge multi-use complexes, are being considered for the 1980 award. A number of Jordanian architects have submitted projects to be considered.

The four-day seminar will include presentations on institutional and commercial spaces, recreational facilities and educational complexes, offered by such noted international architects and builders as Sir Leslie Martin of Great Britain, Mr. Ghath Pharaon of Saudi Arabia and Miss Yasmeen Lari of Pakistan. Workshops and site visits to

both old and new buildings in the area have also been organised for the participants.

The prize will be awarded in another Muslim city yet to be announced. The prize money may be divided, at the discretion of the Master Jury, among architects, other design and construction professionals, craftsmen, clients or institutions whom the jury judges most responsible for the project's success and potential for stimulating further development.

Currently the award's Steering Committee is chaired by the Aga Khan, and includes seven other members, all renowned in the fields of art and architecture, such as: Sir Hugh Casson, architect and president of the Royal Academy of Arts in Great Britain; Mr. Hassan Fathi, a renowned Egyptian architect and promoter of indigenous and Islamic architecture; Professor Oleg Grabar, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at Harvard University and a specialist in Islamic art and architecture; and Professor William Porter, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The present Aga Khan, Prince Karim, is the fourth to bear the title. He is a direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, and is the 49th Imam of the Shi'a Ismaili Muslims.

The title of Aga Khan was first bestowed by the Persian court on Hassan Ali Shah (1800-1881). Prince Karim's great-grandfather, then governor of the Persian province of Kerman, Aga Khan I later settled in India, where he helped the British in the first Afghan War (1839-42) and in the conquest of Sind (1842-43); and was granted a pension and styled His Highness.

He was succeeded in 1881 by his eldest son Ali Shah, who moved to improve living conditions in his community, but died only four years later.

Aga Khan III, Sultan Sir Mohammad Shah, (1877-1957), the only son of Aga Khan II, succeeded his father in 1885.

Aga Khan III, who received religious and traditional education as well as western-style instruction, was an extremely active political figure besides being known for his thoroughbred horses, which won the English Derby five times. He not only attended to the affairs of his own community but also rapidly acquired a leading position among India's Muslim community as a whole.

He was president of the All-India Muslim League during its

early years, and his contribution initiated the fund for raising the status of the Muslim College at Aligarh to that of a university. During World War I, the third Aga Khan directed the millions of Ismaili Muslims within British territories and on their borders to place themselves unreservedly at the disposal of the British authorities. He became President of the League of Nations in 1937.

Prince Karim is Aga Khan III's grandson. He became the leader of the Ismaili Muslim community at the age of 20 in 1957 on the death of his grandfather, who stated in his will that he wished to be succeeded by a "young man who has been brought up in the midst of the new age."

Born in 1936, the son of Prince Ali Khan, the Aga Khan spent his early childhood in Nairobi, Kenya, and then attended Le Rosey School in Switzerland. He graduated from Harvard College in 1959 with honours in Islamic history. He played soccer for Harvard and is a first-class skier (he represented Iran at the Olympic Games in Innsbruck in 1964).

In 1969, he married Begum Salimah, the former British-born Sarah Croker-Poole, and now has three children -- ten-year-old Princess Zahra, nine-year-old Prince Rahim and six-year-old Prince Hussain.

The Ismaili Muslims are a minority and part of the Shi'a Muslim sect. They number around 15 million, spread over 25 countries, mostly in developing nations, including Syria, Iran, central Asia, India, Burma, Malaysia and East Africa. They form a closely-knit, well-organised community with strong loyalties to the countries in which they live. They are always in the minority, but are important economically

and professionally. During his 23 years as Imam, the Aga Khan has adapted to a world of nation states a complex system of administering the various Ismaili communities, pioneered by his grandfather under the old colonial empire.

He numerous social welfare activities, especially in health care, education and housing are primarily carried out by the Aga Khan Foundation, which was established in 1967 and is based in Geneva. It owns, for example, three hospitals in Kenya and 72 health care centres in Pakistan, is building a 700-bed teaching hospital in Karachi with the cooperation of McGill University in Montreal and has funded low-cost housing projects and a series of village schools in India.

In addition, the foundation provides each year a growing number of scholarships to students in developing countries to enable them to continue their education in Europe and North America. Foundation programmes are open not only to Ismailis, but to all races and religions.

On April 9, 1980, an agreement was signed between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Aga Khan Foundation, whereby the UNDP officially recognised the Aga Khan Foundation as a cooperating organisation. "Our mutual collaboration," said the Aga Khan on the occasion, "will provide new opportunities to increase the scope and effectiveness of the work to which we are committed."

His Highness the Aga Khan and Her Highness the Begum Salimah will arrive in Amman on May 3 to attend the fifth seminar for the Aga Khan Award for Architecture. They will leave on May 8.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	299.00/301.00
U.K. sterling	677.20/681.20
West German mark	180.20/181.20
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French franc	71.20/71.60
Italian lire	35.40/35.60
Japanese yen	124.80/125.50
Dutch guilder	150.20/151.10
Swedish crown	71.00/71.40
Belgian franc	103.40/104.00

TODAY'S WEATHER

"Khamsin" conditions will end, and a considerable decrease in temperature will occur, with the appearance of low clouds. Winds will be westerly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba, it will be dusty, with southerly fresh winds and rough seas; changing to northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

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Aqaba	20	29
Deserts	16	27
Jordan Valley	18	31



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Economic News Briefs

OAPEC welcomes taxing oil imports

KUWAIT, May 2 (R) -- The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) today welcomed moves by Western nations to tax oil imports but warned such action must be aimed at limiting oil consumption not raising money for governments.

OAPEC's monthly bulletin said in its editorial: "If oil taxes do not limit consumption but remain solely a means for channelling revenues into the treasuries of the consuming countries, it would indicate that the consumers of these countries are apparently willing and able to pay more for oil."

"The consumers' claim to these funds would then be open to debate, as they result from revenues derived from the resources of the producers and therefore rightfully due to them," it added. But the bulletin said import taxes "can be seen to be of positive benefit to both consumers and producers of oil, leading to increased efficiency in oil consumption and boosting the search for energy alternatives."

It added that the U.S. decision to impose a \$4.62 a barrel import tax was "perhaps the most significant measure taken" and noted the nine-nation European Economic Community was studying similar proposals.

Egypt initials oil search agreements

CAIRO, May 2 (R) -- Egypt's General Petroleum Authority has initialled agreements worth about \$121 million with world oil companies for oil prospecting and exploitation in the Western desert and Sinai, authority officials said today. They said the agreements were initialled last month and Egypt would receive an additional \$15 million in signature bonuses.

Two agreements worth \$37 million were initialled with the Canadian Gulf Stream Company for exploration in the Western desert and Sinai, one worth \$13 million with the American Conoco company for exploration in Sinai, one worth \$11 million with the Canadian Polar Bear Company for an offshore area in the Western desert and one of \$23 million with the British L.K. Exploration Company for an area in Sinai, the officials said.

They added that other concessions included one worth \$17 million for the Canadian group Brinko in the Western desert and one worth \$20 million to the American companies Bonray and Medoil for an area in the Western desert.

Australia expects more food exports to Iran

CANBERRA, May 2 (R) -- Australia's current wheat sales to Iran are expected to be at least double those in any year in the past decade, foreign ministry officials said today. Exports in the financial year ending in June are projected at one million tonnes, compared with shipments ranging from 100,000 to 400,000 tonnes a year since 1970.

The sudden demand for Australian wheat could indicate a drop in Iranian production because of the unsettled political scene, the officials added.

Australia also provides about 60 per cent of Iran's meat imports and would be reluctant to comply with any American request for a ban on food exports to obtain the release of the U.S. hostages in Tehran. But Australia expects Washington to ask its allies within two weeks for such sanctions against Iran, which imports about 30 per cent of its food, mostly from Australia and New Zealand.

Iraq plans \$3.4 b. on industrial expansion

BAGHDAD, May 2 (AP) -- The chairman of Iraq's State Establishment for Industrial Designs announced today Iraq is tripling its annual expenditure on industrial expansion this year to more than one billion dinars (\$3.4 billion). The chairman, Mr. Ahmad Danhash, said total expenditure on industrial designs and construction last year amounted to 311 million dinars (\$1.06 billion).

He said that five projects costing 110 million dinars (\$374 million) were already completed in the first quarter of 1980. Mr. Danhash said experimental production has started in four of these projects -- the cast iron project in Khor Al Zubeir, the asbestos pipes project in Taamim (Kirkuk), the plastic bags project in Sulahaddin province and the compressed timber project in Najaf.

EEC, India discuss economic cooperation

NEW DELHI, May 2 (R) -- Mr. Roy Jenkins, president of the European Common Market commission, today discussed world economic problems and Indo-EEC relations with Premier Indira Gandhi and other Indian leaders. EEC officials said negotiations on a new economic cooperation agreement between the EEC and India would start in Brussels within a month.

U.S. unemployment hits 7%

WASHINGTON, May 2 (R) -- The number of jobless Americans rose by 825,000 last month to 7.3 million, or seven per cent of the work force, the Labour Department said today. This is an increase of nearly 1.2 million since December, and brings unemployment to its highest level in over two and a half years. Workers in manufacturing and construction sectors have been hit especially hard.

Administration economists said they believed the figures confirmed President Carter's assessment that an economic recession had arrived. While Mr. Carter has predicted a short and mild recession, some experts have forecast that the slump will be relatively severe and may soon replace inflation, running this year at an annual rate of 18 per cent, as the administration's worst domestic headache.

Meanwhile the tough grip on credit in Western industrial countries is expected to continue despite the recent easing off of interest rates in the United States, according to economists and market analysts. In what some people called an "interest rate war", other countries followed the United States in recent months by putting lending rates up to record or near-record heights. This hit both businessmen and home-buyers wanting to borrow and raised fears that world-wide recession might deepen. The reason for the rise in interest rates was the fight against inflation. Monetary authorities tightened up on credit as an anti-inflation device.

Prime lending rates in big U.S. banks reached a record 20 per cent, but in the last few weeks they have come down to around 18.5 per cent -- still a high figure -- in a cautious attempt to avoid too much dampening of the economy. Analysts in different centres, however, say they do not expect this to spark off a general downward spiral of interest rates in the West.

Many experts questioned by correspondents say they feel other countries will not rush to follow the U.S. moves because of their own fears of inflation, even though they think interest rates have probably peaked. West Germany, for instance, raised its discount rate this week to 7.5 per cent, highest since 1970. In the United States itself, some foreign exchange dealers and economists believe there are substantial barriers to further U.S. interest rate falls and that the downward spiral there has been overdone. They believe that the Federal Reserve Board (U.S. Central Bank) would prevent an excessive fall in U.S. interest rates because it would hit the dollar which has been buoyed by the fact that high rates make it attractive to investors.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, May 3 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.2535/50	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1922/25	Canadian dollar	
	1.8230/40	West German mark	
	2.0110/40	Dutch guilder	
	1.6925/35	Swiss franc	
	29.17/20	Belgian franc	
	4.2325/75	French franc	
	851.00/852.00	Italian lire	
	240.25/45	Japanese yen	
	4.2475/2575	Swedish crown	
	4.9525/9625	Norwegian crown	
	5.66/67	Danish crown	
One ounce of gold	517.00/522.00	U.S. dollars	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 2 (R) -- British government bonds moved higher while equities closed mixed in quiet trading. At 1500 the FT 100 was up 0.5 at 443.7.

British government bonds firmed as much as 3/4 point in response to some investment demand and ahead of a possible new loan stock announcement by the Bank of England, dealers said. Equity leaders were mixed while gold shares firmed up to \$1 1/2 in reaction to the higher bullion price. Canadian and U.S. issues eased in slack trading.

Oils and energy related issues were fairly active but oils were mixed following some profit taking. ICI rose 8p reflecting its stake in the North Sea Ninian field while Siebens and Viking Resources added 55p and 10p respectively.

Southern Rhodesian bonds firmed between three and seven points on a report that the Zimbabwean finance minister is due in London for talks on the possible redemption of outstanding debt.

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Widespread strike halts Swedish industry, trade

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (R) — Swedish industry was virtually shut and imports and exports halted today after almost 900,000 workers were locked out or went on strike.

Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin told the Swedish news agency that the government would not intervene in Sweden's worst industrial dispute since the general strike of 1969.

A spokesman for the Swedish Employers Confederation (SAF) said its week-long lockout of over 750,000 workers would cost industry two billion crowns (\$470 million) in lost production.

A three-man government-

appointed mediation commission planned to meet both SAF and the Trade Unions Confederation (LO), which pulled out over 100,000 men in response to the lockout, and a new pay offer was expected today, the SAF spokesman said.

Most construction work ceased, the freight section of Gothenburg Harbour, Sweden's largest, was closed and privately owned mines ceased to operate.

Many hotels, restaurants and large department stores were shut. The transport of goods was disrupted and shortages of bread and fruit were expected in the shops soon.

With little traffic on the roads and few people about, Sweden appeared virtually shut down. But most employees would have taken this Friday between May Day and the weekend off.

Labour leaders ordered 100,000 workers off the job at midnight yesterday after contract negotiations broke down. Management retaliated by locking out 800,000 others. About 15,000 federal and municipal employees joined the strike.

Contracts covering 3.2 million workers expired in November. The workers, who earn about \$14,000 a year, are demanding increases totalling about 11 per cent, including a retroactive five per cent pay rise. Management offered a two per cent pay increase and refused to make it retroactive.

Labour sweeps U.K. municipal elections

LONDON, May 2 (R) — The Labour Party swept back into control of many local authorities today after municipal elections up and down Britain, setting the scene for bitter battles with the Conservative government over public spending.

The elections gave voters their first chance to deliver a verdict nationally on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, which took power a year ago.

Labour won control of Birmingham, Leeds, and several other northern and midland cities. The party hailed the results as a resounding victory and said it showed government policies were being repudiated by voters.

The elections were dominated by rows over rises in rates (local taxes) and cuts in services. Many Labour-controlled local authorities have defied government guidelines on spending, and have increased rates by up to 57 per cent to avoid cutting services.

The government plans to penalise councils which it considers are overspending.

Kabul tense following more student anti-regime turmoil

NEW DELHI, May 2 (Agencies) — Kabul was tense today after further anti-government demonstrations by students and schoolchildren yesterday, travellers arriving from the Afghan capital said.

One traveller said estimates of demonstrators killed in clashes with Afghan security forces during the past week varied from 15 to 60.

The travellers, who asked not to be named, said there were fewer demonstrators yesterday than on previous days but security continued to be tight. Road approaches to the Khana-i-Khulq (Peoples House) palace in the centre of the city were closed.

Students and schoolchildren took to the streets, shouting slogans against Afghan President Babrak Karmal and the Soviet Union, which has an estimated 110,000 troops in Afghanistan, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency.

Another traveller said some Afghan soldiers cried when confronted with demonstrating schoolgirls who said: "Why don't you kill us? We are prepared to die. Our men have sold us out."

Last February hundreds of people protesting against the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan were believed to have been killed or wounded in clashes with security forces.

May Day yesterday was a public holiday in Afghanistan but most people stayed at home, one traveller said.

Travellers said there were large movements of tanks and armoured personnel carriers at night when Soviet troops, scarce in town during daytime, are believed to be in full charge of security.

Curfew, in force in Kabul since the Marxists seized power two years ago, runs from 11 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.

Radio Moscow reported this week Afghanistan is to get free deliveries of 140,000 tons of wheat from the Soviet Union under an agreement signed in Kabul.

The grain, to be delivered along the Amu Darya River, would be distributed among workers and civil servants and supplied on the market, the radio said in a report monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

According to the report, Afghan Trade Minister Mohammad Khan Jalal said the agreement was a show of selfless aid on the part of the Soviet people.

Economic cooperation between the two countries was expanding in many spheres, he added.

But it appears the country's economic conditions since the Soviet incursion remains in a perplexed state.

Afghanistan today appealed for greater financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), saying it could not recover alone because of "criminal, anti-revolutionary errors" of the previous government.

The appeal was Afghanistan's first call for funds from outside the Communist bloc since the present Soviet-backed government took over last December.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the ADB in Manila, Afghan delegation leader Mr. Fazlilq Khalilq said: "We deeply hope that in this crucial stage, when our needs are greater than ever, the bank's assistance to Afghanistan will be substantially enlarged."

Despite the plea, ADB President Taroichi Yoshida said at a news conference the ADB will



Heavily-armed Afghan troops stand watch over Kabul. (Gamma photo)

ADB refuses aid to Afghanistan

Kabul tense following more student anti-regime turmoil

fund no new programmes in Afghanistan because of fighting between Afghan guerrillas and troops of the Soviet-backed government. He said current projects are being suspended.

"I don't like my staff to go to dangerous areas," Mr. Yoshida said. He said most of the \$95 million in ADB-financed projects are in the war-torn countryside and cannot be supervised by ADB experts.

In his speech at the final session of ADB's annual governors meeting, Mr. Khalilq described his country's turmoil as "the result of errors due to criminal and conspiratorial, anti-revolutionary and anti-human leadership of Mr. Hafizullah Amin."

Mr. Amin was the Afghan president who was killed shortly after Soviet forces entered the landlocked country last December.

Until then, he had been a favourite of the Soviet Union, and the Kremlin still contends Mr. Amin asked for the Russian troops.

YOUTH abandons PSA jet, plan to free Iran hostages

STOCKTON, California, May 2 (Agencies) — An armed youth who seized an airliner at Stockton Airport last night and demanded to be taken to Iran where, he said, he could free the American hostages, surrendered to the police today ending a five and a half hour siege.

The youth, identified by police as Steven Bilson, aged 19 or 20, had briefly held hostage the flight engineer of the Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) Boeing 727 airliner.

Policemen trying to persuade Mr. Bilson to surrender said he had told them: "I want to go to Iran to the hostages. I have the one and only plan to free them."

Mr. Bilson was believed to have scaled a fence at the small airport, here and to have entered the plane through a rear door.

PSA spokesman Mr. Skip Meyers said he did not know what prompted the youth to end the airport standoff. Unconfirmed reports said the unidentified PSA flight engineer had convinced his captor to give him the gun.

Major solar flare disrupts communications, magnetic field

BOULDER, Colorado, May 2 (AP) — A major flare in the southeast quadrant of the sun caused some disruptions in communications and in the earth's magnetic field, says the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The flare began at 1810 GMT yesterday and peaked minutes later, said Mr. Joe Hirman, head forecaster at the agency's space environmental services centre here.

Solar forecasters expected more large flares from this area during the next 10 days.

Solar flares are classified partly by their X-ray emissions. An X-class flare has the largest amount of X-ray emissions, the M-class an intermediate amount, and the C-class is common.

Mr. Hirman said that an unusual feature of yesterday's X-2 eruption was what he called a "magnetic crochet," a flare-produced rapid deviation in the earth's magnetic field at ground level.

The flare, however, was not expected to cause any major magnetic disturbance on earth, he said.

"The flare also had substantial radio energy emissions," Mr. Hirman said, "and these have caused some communication outages. We had reports of wide-spread short-wave radio fades in northern latitudes soon after the flare."

The flare was detected by sensors aboard National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellites in orbit 35,400 kilometres above the equator.

Even before economic sanctions imposed by the nine European Economic Community nations begin to operate on May 17, cargoes — everything from food to cars — are being transported in increasing numbers to Iran by the hand-made wooden vessels across the Gulf.

Exports from this tiny Emirate have soared in recent weeks since the United States announced economic sanctions in its continuing attempts to free American hostages in Iran, government sources revealed.

Dhow skippers are now preparing for even bigger business in face of the Common Market's imminent embargo, according to local merchants.

"We're not trying to break the sanctions, we're just not interested in them," one merchant declared echoing sentiment in the Gulf region.

Government statistics show that dhows carried \$27 million worth of goods to Iran in February, a marked increase on the average of \$19.8 million worth a month last

S. Korean students hold demonstration for political reform

SEOUL, South Korea, May 2 (AP) — Thousands of Korean students demonstrated to demand political reforms for the second straight day today, clashing with riot police, as the government reaffirmed a get-tough policy against unruly demonstrations.

It was the worst day of student unrest for the caretaker government of President Choi Kyu-hah since he succeeded President Park Chung-hee, who was assassinated last Oct. 26.

About 2,000 rock-throwing students battled for hours with riot police at Sung Kyun Kwan, a private university in Seoul, while 1,000 students burned one police van as they marched through downtown streets at Chonju, a provincial capital 200 kilometres southeast of Seoul.

Six policemen and an unknown number of students were injured in scuffles at Chonju. At both places, police fired tear gas to hold off unruly student marchers.

At Sung Kyun Kwan, police managed to keep the students from streaming off the campus.

At Seoul National University, the nation's largest and most prestigious school, about 12,000 students gathered for an anti-government rally at their main campus in southern Seoul.

Among other things, the students demanded the resignations of Prime Minister Shin Hyon-hwak and Korean Central Intelligence Agency Director Lieutenant General Chun Doo-hwan.

A professor said that it was the largest rally the university ever had and most of the undergraduate students, numbering some 13,000, participated in the

demonstrations.

After a two-hour Seoul National student down to many groups through the spacious campus three hours while about 1,000 riot police stood at the school gate. The students attempted to march on the campus, but the police immediately lifted of the effective since President's death last year.

The protest today took violent demonstrations at Sung Kyun Kwan, Chongnam National University, 150 kilometres from Seoul.

About 2,000 placard students marched kilometres through Taejeo, destroying one police van while some 1,500 Sung Kyun students battled the police when they marched on the downtown district.

One police report said 84 were injured during clashes with police yesterday.

President Choi Kyu-hah said the authorities would not tolerate violence on the streets and in labour disputes.

Martial law authorities in Pusan, South Korea's largest city, on the south coast, have arrested six workers looking for 37 other steel mill where some 600 set fire to company facilities labour dispute earlier this

Nepalese vote on party system

KATHMANDU, May 2 (R) — Nepalese voted heavily today in a national referendum which could transform the political face of this poor but hospitable Himalayan kingdom.

The government declared a holiday for the poll which will decide whether to revive political parties, which were banned 20 years ago.

The alternative facing almost 7.2 million voters was to continue the present Panchayat, or council system of government, without party participation.

Queues built up outside voting stations in the capital several hours before they opened at 9.15 a.m. (10.35 GMT).

The national news agency RSS reported that polling was peaceful in country areas where violent clashes occurred during campaigning last month.

Election officials said the national turnout was 75 per cent by early afternoon.

Shops and offices in Kathmandu were firmly shuttered in case of demonstrations but the mood in the city was relaxed and cheerful.

The result of the referendum — expected to be close — is not due to be known for at least a week, because election officials have to retrieve ballot boxes from remote mountain villages accessible only on foot or by helicopter.

Votes were being cast at 10,000 polling stations positioned so that even the most remote villager did not have to walk more than seven kilometres to reach one.

King Birendra called referendum after student-led last May against the present regime. More than 40 people died in the violence.

Zia arrives in China for talks

PEKING, May 2 (AP) — Pakistan President General Mohd Zia Ul-Haq arrived in today for talks with Chinese leaders expected to centre on China's view of a Soviet threat to the region.

Gen. Zia, in military uniform, was greeted by Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng and the reviewed a Chinese military guard.

Pakistan embassy officials said other members of the Pakistani community, including 120 students from Peking's Peking's school waving flags, greeted the president.

Gen. Zia is to talk with Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping over officials before visiting scenic Guilin next Tuesday, Wednesday. Then he is to North Korea next Friday for two-day visit.

China and Pakistan both demanding the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan which borders both countries. China has called the Soviet presence there a threat to the region's security.

Former KGB officer defects to Britain

LONDON, May 2 (R) — Former Soviet intelligence officer Mr. Ilya Grigorovich Dzhrirkvelov defected to Britain about a month ago and has been given permission to stay, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Mr. Dzhrirkvelov, a Soviet national who was working since 1977 as a press officer on the staff of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva, came to Britain from Moscow about a month ago with his wife and daughter and applied for permission to stay, the spokesman said.

Home Secretary Mr. William Whitelaw granted their request and they are now in Britain, the spokesman added. British officials said that Mr. Dzhrirkvelov, 53, is a former member of the KGB.

The London Daily Mail newspaper, which earlier today broke the first news of Mr. Dzhrirkvelov's defection, said that since his arrival he had been providing British intelligence with an extensive dossier on Soviet espionage, gleaned in long debriefing sessions.

According to the Daily Mail, he went from Geneva on a visit to Moscow, but instead of returning to Switzerland he changed planes and travelled to London.

British officials said he once worked for the Soviet news agency Tass. The Soviet embassy in London had made no representations so far about the case, they added.

In Geneva, WHO spokesman described Mr. Dzhrirkvelov as hard-working, slightly reserved but popular among his colleagues. There was no indication that he engaged in political or intelligence activities, the WHO spokesman said. He was last seen in Geneva on March 21 when he left his job as a Russian-language information officer at the WHO, telling colleagues he had to go to Moscow on private business for a few days.

Pope starts African tour

KINSHASA, Zaire, May 2 (AP) Pope John Paul II arrived here today at the start of a 10-day six-nation mission to Africa, a continent he has called "already ripe for the harvest" of Christian souls.

The Polish-born Pontiff, on his fifth trip outside Italy since becoming leader of the world's 700 million Roman Catholics, was met at Kinshasa's N'Djili airport by Zairean Cardinal Joseph Malula and President Mobutu Sese Seko.

President Mobutu, 49, a baptised Catholic who tried to curb the power of the church in the mid-1970s as part of a move to rid Zaire of colonial influence, has been making his peace with the church over the past couple of years.

In what was seen as a gesture of reconciliation on the eve of the Pope's arrival, Mr. Mobutu was married yesterday evening in a Catholic mass, performed by Cardinal Malula, to his companion of several years, Miss Bobili Dawa.

Suarez shuffles Spain cabinet

MADRID, May 2 (AP) — Premier Adolfo Suarez has juggled his cabinet to give conservative members of his Centrist Party a stronger voice in his government, informed sources reported today.

The shakeup, the third since Mr. Suarez took office nearly four years ago, was confirmed in a government statement saying a new cabinet was to be announced later today.

The sources said Mr. Suarez put five new faces in the 23-member cabinet, switched three others to different jobs and left the rest of his government intact.

The new government ran into immediate criticism from the opposition Socialists, runnersup behind Mr. Suarez in two general elections, who charge ahead of the formal announcement that the country had been virtually without a government for three weeks while Mr. Suarez settled squabbling within his party.

The chief losers in what the government statement called "a remodeling" of the cabinet were the more liberal Social Democrats in Mr. Suarez's Union of the Democratic Centre (UCD).

Led by former finance minister Mr. Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, the Social Democrats tried to pry Mr. Suarez's second deputy premier and economics czar, Mr. Fernando Abril Martorell, from his post.

But sources said Mr. Abril prevailed at a party executive meeting earlier this week and retained his post. He had come under fire for the government's economic policy, blamed by critics for a 17 per cent inflation rate and 10 per cent unemployment.

Lieutenant General Manuel Gutierrez Mellado retained his job as first deputy premier and head of national security and defence as did Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja, the sources reported.

Those reported dropped were Interior Minister Antonio Ibanez Forgas, a general in the paramilitary civil guard, presidential ministerial aide Mr. Joaquin Garrigues Walker, Autonomy Minister Antonio Fontan and the heads of industry, commerce and transport.

Major General Jose Saenz de Santa Maria, Mr. Suarez's special law and order delegate in Spain's violence-troubled northern Basque region, was named the new interior minister. The general set up anti-terrorist units in the Basque region earlier this year to stem separatist violence there that has taken more than 30 lives by political assassinations.

Commerce Minister Juan Antonio Garcia and Industry Minister Carlos Bustelo reportedly refused to stay in the government because of disagreement with economic policies.

The premier presented the list of his new government to King Juan Carlos late yesterday, sources said.

Ugandan soldiers search Kampala for hidden arms

KAMPALA, May 2 (AP) — Government soldiers swept through parts of Kampala today in a search for hidden arms. Heavy gunfire echoed through the capital as traffic and business came to a halt.

Army roadblocks ringed the southern part of Kampala and trucks full of soldiers drove through the centre of the city. The official Uganda Radio appealed for calm during what it called "a military exercise."

Unconfirmed reports from residents said at least eight persons were killed. Police said an army lieutenant was among the dead. Shooting began during the night and intensified for several hours after dawn, residents said. Groups of eight soldiers patrolled areas near the open-air market, some carrying submachine guns and others with long knives.

President Godfrey Binaisa recently promised to step up security measures against what some Ugandan officials are calling the gravest wave of violence in Kampala since dictator Idi Amin was overthrown more than a year ago. Some officials estimate that nearly 1,000 persons each month are being killed in the Kampala area by robbers, persons seeking revenge and politically motivated gangs.

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